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Michelle Calderon Ordained to Ministry at Grady Hospital, February 13

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At a service held at Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta, Michelle Calderon was ordained into Christian ministry and installed in a four-way covenant, the calling body of which was the Nia Project of Grady Hospital. The Nia Project is a service for at risk women at Grady Hospital and it is calling Michelle to serve as the coordinator for spiritual life. A four-way covenant is one, which joins in relationship the minister, her calling body and her local church. Conference Minister Tim

Downs and Dr. Allen Mullinax, Chair of the Committee on Ministry of the Georgia-South Carolina Association, participated in the service on behalf of the Association and Conference. Preaching for the occasion was Laurie Robins, a UCC minister, member of Central Congregational UCC, and a Supervisor in the CPE program at Grady Hospital. Pictured left are Michelle Calderon (right) with Laurie Robins.

Thanks to Dick Sales for His Service as an Ecumenical Representative to the

Dick Sales has announced his retirement from a position from which he represented the United Church of Christ on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dick served on this board for over a decade. He noted on the occasion of his retirement, "I've appreciated more than words can express my relationship with the Christian Church DOC" and added that he resigns with "tears in his eyes". The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been a significant ecumenical partner with the UCC from the time of its founding. Over the years, the Southeast Conference has sought to collaborate with the five Disciples Regions that comprise our conference.

Congratulations to Doug Farmer, Chaplain of the Year for Coastal Crisis

A member of Circular Congregational UCC (Charleston, SC), Doug Farmer has been working with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy providing pastoral and spiritual support to people in crisis. He has been named "Chaplain of the Year" for his

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A 15-year-old member of St. Peter's UCC in West Seneca, N.Y., is singing and strumming up a storm for the popular mission-driven organization.



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Joyce Myers Brown Testifies Against Anti-Immigrant Legislation before Georgia Legislature

On February 15th Joyce Myers Brown, member of Central Congregational UCC, and retired UCC minister, offered testimony opposing HB 59 which bans undocumented students from enrolling in Georgia universities and colleges. The bill passed, in spite of the eloquent testimony of many. Joyce adds; "the UCC and the General Synod were represented opposing hateful and unjust acts directed at the undocumented among us."

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